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In re patent application of: ) Attorney Docket No.: E-974  
Thomas J. Foth, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3624  
Serial No.: 09/474,492 ) Examiner: Steven R. Wasylchak  
Filed: December 29, 1999 ) Date: January 30, 2003  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING ELECTRONIC  
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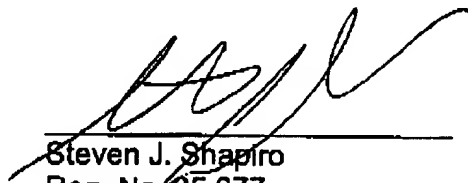
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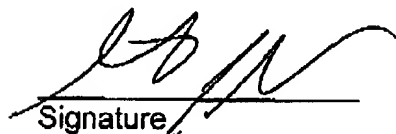
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